

Donated School Supplies Sought For Food Bank Network Families

Bridgewater Mayor Dan Hayes has announced the Township's support of the annual "Project First Class" school supplies collection. The program is the initiative of the Somerset County Commission on the Status of Women (SCCSW). Children of families served by the Food Bank Network of Somerset County will benefit from the donations.

Any types of new or gently used school supplies are welcome in the collection program. In particular, the children are most in need of backpacks, notebooks, three-ring binders, paper, highlighters, markers, pens, pencils and crayons. Donations of reference books in CD-ROM format are also welcome. These books include dictionaries, thesauruses and atlases.

The SCCSW has arranged for donations to be dropped off to the Somerset County Freeholders' Office on the third floor of the county administration building at 20 Grove Street, Somerville. Donations are welcome now through 11 August on weekdays between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM. Free parking is available in the adjacent Bernie Field Parking Deck off East High Street.

Donations will also be received at the Bridgewater Senior Citizens Center located at 455 Somerville Road, Bridgewater now through 11 August. The Center will be open weekdays between the hours of 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM for supply donations. A collection box will be available in the front lobby of the facility. Donations may further be dropped off at the Bridgewater Department of Human Services, located on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Complex, 100 Commons Way, Bridgewater. The Department staff will be available to receive donations Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and on Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

For further information please contact Chris O. Poulsen, Township Director of Human Services, by telephone at (908) 725-5750 or by email at health@bridgewaternj.gov.